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To Whom It May Concern:

Having served in the public school systems of the Silver Valley for a total of 46 years serving as a teacher for 15 years, a high school principal for 4 years and a school superintendent/ elementary principal for 29 years I believe I have a very insight to the health as well as the economy of the Silver Valley over that 46 year period.

There is no doubt the EPA has brought some improvements to the blood lead levels and the health of some of the children in the Silver Valley as well as the remediation program helping stimulate the economy of the Silver Valley with the restoration jobs.

There is also no doubt that the EPA has brought with it a superfund stigma as well as a huge deterrent to investing and development of our economy. For the last 150 years the Silver Valley has been a resource based economy subject to the lumber and mining industries. Environmental law suits have virtually destroyed the timber industry and fear of EPA over reach regulations, reprisal and potential litigation have discourage investment and the rebuilding of our mining economy. Many efforts at reopening, investing and developing new mines has discouraged investments for fear of EPA intervention for past and potential future issues.

Now it appears the Bunker Hill Mine has an opportunity to once again breath new economic life into our community, making good paying jobs and providing good incomes that have been missing for the past two decades.

Most recent EPA blood level testing verifies that the basin and box both meet national blood level standards. It is time to rebuild the mining economy of the Silver Valley. Please consider this letter as support for this agreement to once again help rebuild the economy of the Silver Valley.

Yours truly,

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